



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Joseph H. Sklar et al.
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For: FIXATION SCREW, GRAFT LIGAMENT
ANCHOR ASSEMBLY, AND METHOD FOR
SECURING A GRAFT LIGAMENT IN A
BONE TUNNEL

Group Art Unit: 3738

Examiner: Bruce Edward Snow

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Sir:

RESPONSE

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This is in response to the outstanding Office Action in the
above-identified application.

Claims 1-25 stand subject to a restriction requirement under
35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-20, drawn to a fixation
screw/anchor, classified in class 623, subclass 13.14;

Group II - Claims 21-24, drawn to a method of securing
a graft ligament, classified in class 623, subclass 13.14; and

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Group III - Claim 25, drawn to a bone tunnel liner,
classified in class 606, subclass 60.

In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to
prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-20.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to prosecute all
non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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